

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following into the Specification between lines 13 and 14 on Page 70 as follows:

An embodiment of the invention can include means for sensing cardiac activity (*see e.g.*, 304, 303, 302, 310, and 314). Such an embodiment can also include means for generating a cardiac stimulation therapy (*see e.g.*, 316, 320, 330, 314, and 307). Such an embodiment can also include means for coupling at least one lead to the sensing and generating means when operating the system in a second configuration, the at least one lead comprising one or more lead electrodes configured for intrathoracic placement (*see e.g.*, 106 and 100). Such an embodiment can also include means for enabling operation of the system in the second configuration in response to the coupling means receiving the at least one lead (*see e.g.*, 306 and 309). Such an embodiment can also include means for operating the system in a first configuration using only subcutaneous, non-intrathoracic electrodes coupled to the sensing and generating means in the absence of the at least one lead being coupled to the sensing and generating means (*see e.g.*, 109, 306, and 309). Such an embodiment can also include means for sensing cardiac activity and delivering the cardiac stimulation therapy in each of the first and second configurations (*see e.g.*, 304, 303, 302, 310, 314, 316, 320, 330, 314, and 307).

Another embodiment of the invention can include means, using only subcutaneous, non-intrathoracic electrodes, for sensing cardiac activity and delivering cardiac stimulation therapy in a first configuration (*see e.g.*, 109, 304, 303, 302, 310, 314, 316, 320, 330, 314, and 307). Such an embodiment can also include means, using selected ones of intrathoracic and the non-intrathoracic electrodes, for sensing cardiac activity and delivering cardiac stimulation therapy in a second configuration (*see e.g.*, 109, 136, 304, 303, 302, 310, 314, 316, 320, 330, 314, and 307). Such an embodiment can also include means for performing a particular function when operating in each of the first and second configurations (*see e.g.*, 312, 304, 303, 302, 310, and 314). Such an embodiment can also include means for acquiring, using the second configuration, performance data associated with performance of

the particular function by the first (see e.g., 109, 136, 312, 304, 303, 302, 310, and 314). Such an embodiment can also include means for producing comparison data using the performance information, the comparison data comprising data indicative of performance when operating the system in one of the first and second configurations relative to the other of the first and second configurations (306 and 309).